

land was divided into nine districts for the purpose of the election of the Members of the said Assembly ; and it was by the said proclamation, amongst other things declared that every Man being of the full age of Twenty-one years and upwards, being of sound understanding, and being a natural born subject of his said late Majesty, or having been lawfully naturalized, and never having been convicted in due course of law of any infamous crime, and having for two years next immediately preceding the day of Election occupied a Dwelling House within the said Island as Owner or Tenant thereof, and who in other respects might be eligible according to the regulations aforesaid to be a member of the said House of Assembly, should be competent and entitled to vote for the Election of Members of the said Assembly in and for the district within which the Dwelling House so occupied as aforesaid by him, might be situated ; And whereas in pursuance of the said Commission, Instructions and Proclamation, General Assemblies have since been elected and holden in and for the said Island of Newfoundland, in the manner therein prescribed, and the said Commission and instructions have from time to time been renewed on the appointment of the successive Governors of the said Island, and divers laws have been made in pursuance thereof by the said Governor, Council and Assembly. And whereas we did, by certain Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date Westminster the twentieth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty one in the fifth year of our Reign, constitute and appoint you the said Sir John Harvey to be our Governor and Commander in Chief in and over our said Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies : And whereas by a certain act of Parliament passed in the sixth year of our reign, intituled An Act for amending the Constitution of the Government of Newfoundland, it is amongst other things Enacted that it shall be lawful for us, in or by any Commission or Commissions under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom to be hereafter issued for the Government of Newfoundland, and in and by any instructions under our Signet and sign manual accompanying and referred to in any such Commission or Commissions, to establish a qualification, in respect of income or property, in right of which any person may be hereafter elected to serve as a member of the said Assembly, provided that no such qualification shall be fixed at more than a net annual income, arising from any source whatsoever, of One hundred Pounds, or the possession of property, clear of all incumbrances, exceeding Five hundred Pounds in amount or Value.

Now know ye, that we, reposing especial trust and confidence in the prudence, courage, and loyalty of you, the said Sir John Harvey, of our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have thought fit, by this our Commission under the Great Seal of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and in pursuance and exercise of the powers in us vested in and by the said recited Act of Parliament, to establish, and we do hereby establish, a qualification in respect of Income or Property, for all persons to be hereafter elected to serve as members of the said Assembly, (that is to say) the Qualification mentioned and set forth in and by the Instructions under Signet and Sign Manual accompanying and referred to in this our Commission ; and whereas it is by the said recited act further enacted, that it shall be lawful for us in manner aforesaid to fix and determine the length of the period of residence within any electoral district in the said Island which shall be required, in addition to any other qualification, for voting at Elections within such district, or for being elected to